

## **REGION 6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**TOPIC:** Lane Plating Works Inc. Superfund Site

**DATE:** August 21, 2019

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**PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED:** Informational briefing/background

**DEADLINE DATE:** N/A

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Lane Plating Works, Inc. site is a former electroplating facility located at 5322 Bonnie View Road, approximately five miles south of downtown Dallas, in Dallas County, Texas. The site was in operation for more than 90 years. Due to violations, investigations and a bankruptcy filing, the facility shut down. Large volumes of liquid plating wastes were left at the site following closure. In November 2016, the EPA removed 188,000 lbs of waste material from the Site and disposed of the remaining solid and liquid hazardous wastes at the electroplating facility. The site was added to the National Priority List (NPL) in May 2018.

- EPA hosted a community meeting on November 12, 2018, to discuss the Superfund process. The turnout was large and included protesters, environmental groups, and local elected officials.
- Due to the limited success of the meeting, EPA was requested to attend a monthly meeting hosted by Councilman Felder on November 29, 2018, to answer questions from the community regarding the site.
- EPA worked with the City of Dallas staff to organize a community engagement planning meeting and met on February 5, 2019, with Councilman Atkins, State representative staff, and staff from Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's office.
- The planning meeting resulted in a City of Dallas organized community meeting on March 7, 2019, where EPA addressed inaccurate information disseminated by outside environmental and community groups. EPA's presentation focused on known contamination at the site, and possible migration of contamination to the surrounding area. EPA also assured citizens that drinking water provided by the city is safe.

### **CURRENT STATUS:**


- EPA conducted environmental sampling in May 2019 to locate areas where contamination may have migrated off-site. Samples for soil, surface water, sediment, and groundwater were collected and analyzed.
- EPA upgraded the fence surrounding the site and installed signage to limit community exposure to onsite soil.
- EPA is working with state and local governments to establish a Community Advisory Group and will host a series of three community meetings to show transparency through the CAG selection process.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:**

- Current data shows potentially harmful levels of metals in onsite soil. Metals have also been detected in creeks located near the site. The extent of sediment and surface water contamination in the creeks is unknown. Metals have been detected in shallow groundwater near the site. The extent of impact to groundwater is also currently unknown.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- The community is concerned about drinking water and any future releases from the site. EPA continues to assure the public that Dallas city drinking water is safe.

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